

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A zippered closure comprising a front zipper profile and a back zipper profile, the front and back zipper profiles each having a facing side and an attaching side, the front and back zipper profiles interlocking along their facing sides, the front zipper profile having a finger extending from the facing side and positioned between a first pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the first pair of opposed lateral flanges having a first generally flat facing surface, the back zipper profile having a channel positioned between a second pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the second pair of opposed lateral flanges having a second generally flat facing surface, the finger being positioned in the channel and the first flat facing surface abutting the second flat facing surface, and wherein the facing side of at least one of the front and back zipper profiles is wider than its attaching side.
2. (Original) The zippered closure of claim 1, wherein the attaching side of the front zipper profile is attached to a first bag film, and the attaching side of the back zipper profile is attached to a second bag film.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The zippered closure of claim 1, wherein the facing side of the back zipper profile is wider than the attaching side.
5. (Original) The zippered closure of claim 1, wherein the back zipper profile has edges extending outwardly from the attaching side to a point, and then inwardly toward the facing side.
6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The zippered closure of claim 1, wherein the attaching sides of the front and back zipper profiles are substantially flat.

8. (Currently amended) The zippered closure of claim 1 3, wherein the at least one finger is rounded at its top edges.

9. (Currently amended) A bag, the bag having a mouth and a zippered closure at the mouth, the zippered closure comprising a front zipper profile and a back zipper profile, the front and back zipper profiles each having a facing side and an attaching side, the front and back zipper profiles interlocking along their facing sides, the front zipper profile having a finger extending from the facing side and positioned between a first pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the first pair of opposed lateral flanges having a first generally flat facing surface, the back zipper profile having a channel positioned between a second pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the second pair of opposed lateral flanges having a second generally flat facing surface, the finger being positioned in the channel and the first flat facing surface abutting the second flat facing surface, and wherein the facing side of at least one of the front and back zipper profiles is wider than its attaching side.

10. (Original) The bag of claim 9, wherein the attaching side of the front zipper profile is attached to a first bag film, and the attaching side of the back zipper profile is attached to a second bag film.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The bag of claim 9, wherein the facing side of the back zipper profile is wider than the attaching side.

13. (Original) The bag of claim 9, wherein the back zipper profile has edges extending outwardly from the attaching side to a point, and then inwardly toward the facing side.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The bag of claim 9, wherein the attaching sides of the front and back zipper profiles are substantially flat.

16. (Currently amended) The bag of claim 9 ~~11~~, wherein the at least one finger is rounded at its top edges.

17. (Currently amended) A method of making a bag having a zippered closure comprising the steps of:

providing a first bag film;

providing a second bag film in substantial registration with the first bag film;

providing a zippered closure having a front zipper profile and a back zipper profile, wherein the front and back zipper profiles each have a facing side and an attaching side, the front and back zipper profiles interlocking along their facing sides, the front zipper profile having a finger extending from the facing side and positioned between a first pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the first pair of opposed lateral flanges having a first generally flat facing surface, the back zipper profile having a channel positioned between a second pair of opposed lateral flanges, each of the second pair of opposed lateral flanges having a second generally flat facing surface, the finger being positioned in the channel and the first flat facing surface abutting the second flat facing surface, and wherein the facing side of at least one of the front and back zipper profiles is wider than its attaching side;

guiding the zippered closure to a desired location between the first bag film and second bag film; and

attaching the front zipper profile to the first film and the back zipper profile to the second film.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the attaching side of the front zipper profile is attached to the first bag film, and the attaching side of the back zipper profile is attached to the second bag film.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the facing side of the back zipper profile is wider than the attaching side.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the back zipper profile has edges extending outwardly from the attaching side to a point, and then inwardly toward the facing side.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the attaching sides of the front and back zipper profiles are substantially flat.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17 ~~19~~, wherein the at least one finger is rounded at its top edges.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of attaching is performed by heat sealing the front zipper profile to the first film and the back zipper profile to the second film.

26. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of guiding includes a guide having ends shaped to accommodate the edges of the front and back zipper profiles.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the guide includes a pair of rods, and the ends are inverted arrow shaped.